



A NEW HYBRID PEAR. (PYRUS SEROTINA \times COMMUNIS; S. P. I. No. 55835.)

The Van Fleet pear, a hybrid produced by the late Dr. Walter Van Fleet at Little Silver, N. J., merits the serious attention of fruit growers because the tree appears to be resistant to fire-blight and at the same time the fruit is excellent for cooking and preserving. The pear is medium to large, with golden-yellow skin and sweet whitish flesh. The tree is vigorous, with large, thick, glossy leaves. No trace of blight has appeared in the two original trees which have been growing for 10 years at the Plant Introduction Garden, Chico, Calif. (Photographed by E. L. Crandall, September 12, 1922; P27943FS.)